

enjoyed the chance to attend and compare notes and ideas with farmers and city folks alike. I have always considered myself a token Republican at this Democratic event, but it did me well as my elections have been won with the help of Democrats in western Horry County. John passed away last month and he will be missed by many South Carolinians.

One of the issues that John was very passionate about was the estate tax. Many times he wrote to me urging a change to the law. Two days before he died, he drafted a letter to me on the current estate tax policy in our country. I will let his final words on the subject speak for him.

I submit the following letter for the RECORD:

HOLLIDAY ASSOCIATES, LLC,  
Galivants Ferry, SC, October 19, 2000.

Congressman MARK SANFORD,  
Longworth Building,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MARK: The Holliday family has faced increased estate taxes on an annual basis for such a long time, and this increase is a result of Congress's failure to adjust the gift and estate tax exclusion by inflation. In 1987 the amount each individual could shelter from estate taxes was \$600,000—in addition to the annual gift tax exclusion for each individual which I believe was \$10,000. Margy and I have constantly taken advantage of the estate gift tax exclusion—in fact each year we were able to give to our daughters a total of \$40,000.

From December 1986 to December 1987, the consumer price inflation rose from 109.6 to 113.3 or a little more than 3.6%. If both the gift and estate exclusions had been adjusted for this 3.6% inflation increase, we could have transferred an additional \$50,840 to our children tax free. This is only a part of the additional benefits our family could have been entitled to. Any of the earnings on the \$50,840 would have been excluded from our estate. If we assume a 10% annual growth rate from 1988 to the present, over \$159,000 would have been excluded.

If we use these same assumptions and recalculate each year the impact that these hidden estate tax increases have on our estate, my family should have been entitled to a total exclusion of more than \$8.8 million. The end result is that the estate will pay over \$4,840,000 more in estate taxes!

The reality is that Congress has intentionally allowed the annual increases to take place under their current theory of "the rich are too rich". To avoid the wrath that they would have faced if the tax increases had been legislated, they have avoided accountability by allowing inflation to do their dirty work.

The failure to adjust exemptions like the estate and gift tax exclusions is nothing but a hidden tax increase! I believe as a result of these increases that it is more than appropriate for Congress to redress this injustice by making significant changes in the estate and gift tax exclusions.

I apologize for this long letter but some adjustments must be made to help this horrible situation.

With warm regards, I am

Yours very truly,

JOHN MONROE J. HOLLIDAY.

#### HONORING THE SHREWSBURY ROTARY CLUB

#### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to congratulate the Shrewsbury Rotary Club of Massachusetts, which is being recognized for exemplary involvement in community service. The Shrewsbury Rotary Club has been chosen as the 2000 recipient of The Harry Cutting, Jr. Award. This award is presented annually by Shrewsbury Community Services to an individual or organization that has worked to improve the lives of local families. Harry Cutting was a founding member of Shrewsbury Community Services and was dedicated to helping families in need.

The Shrewsbury Rotary Club exemplifies the meaning of community service and what Harry Cutting stood for as a member of this community. The club is involved on both the international and the local level, helping those in need. They have worked in conjunction with the University of Massachusetts Medical Center to transport medical supplies to Chernobyl and established the first rotary club in Kiev where they have formed a partnership and continue to assist those citizens in need. On the local level, they support the ecumenical council, assist in the local schools, lend a helping hand to senior citizens, and provide college scholarships to help local students pay for college.

I have a great appreciation for what this group has done to benefit the Shrewsbury community and I am especially proud of their accomplishments. Mr. Speaker, I ask that this House join me and the members of Shrewsbury Community Services in congratulating the Shrewsbury Rotary Club on receiving this prestigious award.

#### IN HONOR OF DR. CLAIRE A. VAN UMMERSON'S SERVICES TO CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor of Dr. Claire A. Van Ummerson's outstanding dedication to serving the higher educational needs of the Cleveland area.

Claire A. Van Ummerson, Cleveland State University president since 1993, will leave the school by the end of June to take up a new position on the American Council on Education in Washington, DC. She has a long and prestigious career in the field of higher education. From 1986 through to 1992, Dr. Van Ummerson served as chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire. She has also been associated with the University of Massachusetts in Boston for many years in a variety of roles, including associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Van Ummerson's philosophy which is based on partnerships has been instrumental in ensuring progress at Cleveland State University. She advocates working with school systems, other universities, research institutes

and businesses to strengthen academic programs and enhance the school's capacity to respond to the needs of the region. Such a philosophy demonstrates a true understanding of the education system and its interaction with the community as a whole.

Dr. Van Ummerson's contribution to education can be seen in the stature of Cleveland State University in our community. The University, which serves the educational needs of northeast Ohio, offers 65 undergraduate programs and has approximately 15,500 students. Its mission to promote an open and inclusive educational environment for members of the community has been served well under Dr. Van Ummerson's leadership.

My fellow distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. Claire Van Ummerson's outstanding work as President of Cleveland State University, and in wishing her all the best for her future career in Washington, DC.

#### LET THE STATES PLAN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

#### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, as most Americans know, Members of Congress are frequently successful in attaching extraneous pieces of reauthorizing legislation to appropriations bills. These attachments are called "riders." These are last-minute attempts to pass legislative language that typically has not been subject to the standard deliberative process in committee and on the floor of the House. The FY 2001 Labor, Health, and Human Services Appropriations bill is no exception.

This appropriations bill contains a rider that could potentially have a negative impact on many of the 21 counties I represent in the 4th District of Colorado. It could adversely affect safety on Colorado Interstate 25, and would go against a fundamental position the Colorado Department of Transportation has consistently held firm. Termed the "Ports-to-Plains Corridor," this route is part of the national plan to facilitate transportation of goods from Mexico to the central West.

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor was given a designation as a high priority corridor in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century Act of 1998. The language designates, "the Ports-to-Plains Corridor from the Mexican Border via I-27 to Denver, Colorado." It is my understanding Members of Congress and Senators from Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado negotiated a plan to attach language into the Fiscal Year 2001 Labor, Health, and Human Services Appropriations bill designating the Ports-to-Plains Corridor route from Laredo, Texas, to Dumas, Texas. It is also my understanding proponents of this route designation have previously attempted but failed to attach this language to the FY 2001 Transportation Appropriation bill and the FY 2001 District of Columbia Appropriation bill. Unfortunately, there are many problems with this truncated designation.

Mr. Speaker, in Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, city officials, county officials, and constituents in Baca, Prowers, Kiowa, Cheyenne, Lincoln, Kit Carson, Elbert,